

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1368
ANSWERED ON:02.03.2006
ELECTRIFICATION OF RAILWAY TRACK
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the current policy of the Railways regarding electrification of railway tracks;
- (b) the details of the proposals for electrification of railway tracks recommended by the Government of Rajasthan during 2004-05 and 2005-06;
- (c) whether electrification of Kota-Baran-Chhabra-Guna-Bina projects has been examined;
- (d) if so, the final decision taken thereon after evaluation of the project report; and
- (e) if so, the present status thereof indicating the time limit fixed for completion of the project?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (e) : A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1368 BY SHRI RAGHUVIR SINGH KOSHAL, TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 32.03.2006 REGARDING ELECTRIFICATION OF RAILWAY TRACK.

(a): Electrification projects are considered primarily on economic considerations excepting projects justified as operational necessity. The criterion /guidelines being followed in this regard are as under:

(i) Each electrification project will be justified on Rate of Return, which should exceed 14% with the Discounted Cash Flow (DCF) method.

(ii) In certain specific cases, electrification will be justified on considerations of operational flexibility.

(iii) While proposing electrification of a route, the rail network in the region in totality should be considered to include, if necessary, short route lengths, which would otherwise remain non-electrified and reduce operational flexibility.

(b): Only three electrification proposals i.e. Kota-Baran-Chhabra-Bina, Jaipur-Sawai Madhopur & c Ratlam-Neemuch-Chhitorgarh have been recommended by Government, of Rajasthan during 2004-05 and 2005-06.

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d) & (e): Bina-Kota electrification project has been included in Rail Budget 2006-07 at a cost of Rs. 175.72 crore after evaluation. The project is targeted for completion by March, 2009.